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Attorney Docket No. 018360-254508

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : **10/647,062** Confirmation No. **9710**
Applicant : **Zhong, et al.**
Filed : **August 22, 2003**
Title : **CORE AREA TERRITORY PLANNING FOR
OPTIMIZING DRIVER FAMILIARITY AND
ROUTE FLEXIBILITY**
Art Unit : **3661**
Examiner : _____
Docket No. : **018360-254508**
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**REQUEST FOR REFUND
OF IMPROPERLY-CALCULATED EXCESS CLAIMS FEE**

REFUND REQUEST. The Applicant requests a refund in the amount of Eighty-Six Dollars (\$ 86.00) on the grounds that the Office charged for seven (7) excess independent claims when only six (6) were filed.

EXPLANATION. On August 22, 2003, the Applicant filed the above-referenced patent application with a total of nine (9) independent claims: 1, 9, 17, 11, 19, 23, 27, 30 and 31. The total represents six (6) claims in excess of three independent claims covered by the basic filing fee.

In the Notice to File Missing Parts dated November 21, 2003, the Office charged "\$602 for 7 independent claims over 3." A copy of the Notice is attached.

On December 15, 2003, the Applicant filed its Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts and included the entire fee, as calculated by the Office, in order to be fully responsive to the Notice. A copy of the Response is attached.

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The Applicant has paid for seven (7) excess independent claims when only six (6) were filed and, accordingly, now requests a refund for the additional excess claim fee in the amount of Eighty-Six Dollars (\$ 86.00).

MANNER OF REFUND. If and when this Request is approved, please make the refund by crediting our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



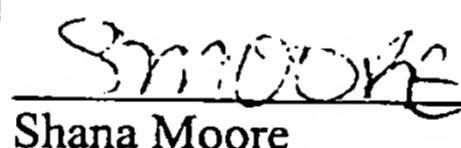
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